

# Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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## You're Invited!



Enjoy Fun & Games on Route 210 on June 23

In other freeway news, SANBAG, Caltrans, and the cities of Rialto and San Bernardino invite you to **Come Play on the Freeway: The Finale!** The celebration and pre-grand opening festivities for State Route 210 will be held on Saturday, June 23 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will feature bike rides, 5K and 10K runs, a classic car show, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, concessions and more before the freeway opens to drivers later this year.

Some events require registration and entry fees. Proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rialto and San Bernardino and the American Cancer Society.

Come celebrate on the 210 Freeway and don't miss out on your opportunity to play on the freeway! For more information, go to [www.playonthe210.org](http://www.playonthe210.org).

## Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS**.



## Construction Crews Working to Anchor Interstate 215 5th Street Bridge

Reconstruction of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street bridge is continuing this spring with a new pile-driving operation that will anchor the bridge structure. Improvements also are underway on nearby streets.

Starting this month, 280 large steel piles will be pounded into the ground to help support the new bridge columns and bridge ends, known as abutments. During the driving of these piles, residents, business operators and motorists can expect loud, repetitive noises from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, through mid-June.

Some temporary freeway lane closures, ramp closures and street closures will be required to set up and move the pile-driving machinery.

In addition, improvements at 5<sup>th</sup>, H and J Streets are underway and will include the relocation of utilities, including power poles, a fire hydrant, water meter and valves, gas lines and valves and a sewer manhole. Crews also will install drainage systems beneath H and J Streets, rebuild curbs and repave roads. This work will be completed in June.



Crews are inserting 280 large steel piles into the ground to provide added support to the 5th Street bridge columns and bridge ends.

## Next Phase of I-215 to Start this Summer

Caltrans is seeking bids this spring for the next phase of work to improve Interstate 215 in San Bernardino. This phase will cover the widening from Orange Show Road to Rialto Avenue, with construction expected to begin this summer.

Project highlights include:

- Addition of two freeway lanes in each direction.
- Realignment of on- and off-ramps at Orange Show Road.
- Replacement of the Inland Center Drive bridge with a seven-lane bridge with two through-lanes in each direction, two left-turn lanes onto southbound I-215 and one left-turn lane onto northbound I-215.
- Widening and realignment of the southbound ramp to Inland Center Drive.
- Replacement of the bridge at Mill Street with a six-lane bridge with two lanes and a left-turn lane in each direction. In addition, the on-ramps and off-ramps will lead directly to and from Mill Street.

The I-215 widening project is a partnership between San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.